(a) whether his Ministry is aware about the provision of Contract labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act 1970 wherein following conditions are laid down—"if workers employed on contract are doing the same kind of work as workers otherwise employed by the employer directly, then the wages, holidays, working hours and other conditions of work of the contract labour will be same as workers employed otherwise"; and

(b) whether his Ministry is aware that as far as the contractual labour which is engaged by Air India and other Private Airlines all over Gujarat, the above conditions are not fulfilled and the Airlines are violating the provisions of Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act 1970?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. No case of violation under the Act has been brought to notice of the Government.

Safety of CSIA, Mumbai

2335. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport (CSIA) Mumbai is facing imminent danger of sinking as reported in media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the water mains which are very old and are running below the runway can burst one day and pose danger to the aircraft; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure that runway is not damaged due to burst of water mains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport is not facing any danger of sinking.

(c) and (d) Three watermains, which supply water to the city of Mumbai, pass much below the two runways of the Airport. The watermains are at a variable depth below the two runways and to date have not been an issue at the airport. Non-destructive testings of the runways to identify weak soil areas and weak pavement areas have been conducted by Mumbai International Airport Private Limited (MIAL) and no issues have been detected in the pipeline alignments.

Flight of foreign registered aircrafts in Indian sky

2336. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many foreign registered aircrafts are making unrestricted flights in Indian air space without the knowledge of the country's security establishment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of these foreign registered aircrafts were being piloted by expatriates whose security clearance had not been done by agencies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to check such air space violations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) No foreign registered aircraft is allowed to operate to/from and within India in an unrestricted manner, except as a part of approved international itinerary. Prior approval of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is required to operate foreign registered aircraft within India for each and every flight and the permission is duly conveyed by DGCA to the concerned ATC units, who further convey to the Indian Air Force authorities for getting the Air Defence Clearance. The procedure does not involve Ministry of Home Affairs at any stage.

(c) and (d) As per the practice in vogue, security clearance for crew members of foreign registered aircraft that are allowed to be retained in India for specific purpose and for specific period is not required from the Ministry of Home Affairs. The security clearance requirement is applicable only in respect of the foreign pilots operating Indian registered aircraft.

Equity base of NACIL

2337. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to raise the equity base of National Aviation Company India Ltd. (NACIL); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) has submitted a proposal to the Government for infusion of additional equity in the company which is under examination.

Bail out package for civil aviation companies

2338. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal from his Ministry to Government to bail-out certain civil aviation companies from their financial and economic crisis;

(b) the details of the proposal made by the Ministry regarding each company or otherwise;

(c) the grounds given in the matter; and

(d) the details of the response of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir. There was no proposal to bailout specific civil aviation companies. However,